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8 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : Lyman M. HEMERET (P)

1. It is requested that you take appropriate steps to declare Lyman M. HEMERET (P) "Missing in Action" as of 26 December 1958 under the Missing Persons Act. This declaration is necessary in order to initiate a formal request to the Equitable Life Assurance Society for the payment of a WAIFA life insurance policy to the Subject's designated beneficiary--his minor daughter who lives in Sweden. The policy was obtained by the Subject while he was employed in the Washington area. The date cited above--26 December 1958--was selected to coincide with the date determined by the Office of General Counsel as the expiration date of the Subject's contract with CIA in accordance with the terms of the agreement outlined in the aforementioned contract.

2. HEMERET is a Latvian national who escaped from Latvia to Sweden in 1945. In 1951, while he was still residing in Sweden, he was contacted and recruited by CIA. Subsequent to his recruitment, he moved to Germany where he engaged in training three REDSOX agents who were infiltrated into the Latvian SSR. In November 1952, the Subject arrived in the United States and was utilized by SR/DOB as an agent trainer and instructor for REDSOX operations. In the early spring of 1954, it was decided to train him for a REDSOX mission. He was infiltrated into the Latvian SSR in May 1954. HEMERET was in contact with us, via S/W and W/T, until December 1956. In all of his communications with us, he used his assigned indicators in a manner that indicated he was free from control. In September 1957, Radio Moscow announced the capture of the Subject--identifying him by true name. No further information concerning HEMERET's fate is available. His present status is unknown.

3. [] the Project Case Officer; [] [] Office of General Counsel; and [] Chief, Benefits and Services Division, have had preliminary discussions concerning this case. In addition, [] has informally discussed the matter with officials of the Equitable Life Assurance Society who seemingly will interpose no objection to payment of the claim upon receipt of proper certification which includes a declaration of presumption of death.

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4. Prior to the transfer of the amount due on this policy to the Subject's beneficiary, who is identical with his designated heir for other monies due him under the terms of his contract with CIA, coordination will be effected with appropriate components of the Agency.

5. If you require any additional facts concerning this request, please contact [] , Room 2615 J Building, Extension 4122, or [] , Room 2611 J Building, Extension 8545.

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Chief, SR Division

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